



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/993,413  
Applicant(s): Shuji YONEDA and Noaki MASAZUMI  
For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The following is a preliminary amendment, which is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005, which provides for a response period ending December 7, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action for one additional month to January 7, 2006, is being filed concurrently.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Preliminary Amendment dated December 19, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of September 7, 2005

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: